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Dear Interested Agencies, State and Local Governments, Tribes, and Public:

On behalf of the Forest Supervisors for the Angeles, Los Padres, and San Bernardino National Forests, I am pleased to announce that we have signed the Final Records of Decision (Final RODs) for the Southern California National Forests Land Management Plan (LMP) Amendment. The Final RODs identify Alternative 2a as the selected land use zone alternative and Alternative B as the selected monitoring alternative for each forest. Alternative 2a changes the zoning within select Inventoried Roadless Areas, increasing the area of Recommended Wilderness and Back Country Non-Motorized land use zones across the four forests. Alternative B changes the monitoring strategy to update the monitoring questions and clarify the process used for project monitoring. The four Final RODs, the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), and the associated supporting documents are all available on the project website at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=35130

Issuing the Final RODs concludes the planning process that began on April 27, 2012 with the publication of a notice of intent to prepare a SEIS in the Federal Register. The Draft SEIS was released for a 90-day public comment period beginning on February 15, 2013, and the Final SEIS was issued on November 15, 2013. Draft RODs were issued on January 15, 2014, starting the 60-day pre-decisional objection process. The Regional Forester received 12 timely filed objections, and Deputy Regional Forester Ronald G. Ketter, acting as reviewing officer, issued his response to the objections on October 3, 2014. Our responses to the reviewing officer's instructions are documented in the Final RODs. The objection documents are also available on the project website.

For more information, please contact Cleveland National Forest Planner Jeff Heys at 858-674-2959, or visit the project website at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=35130.

Sincerely,

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